

Greensboro's Recycling Program



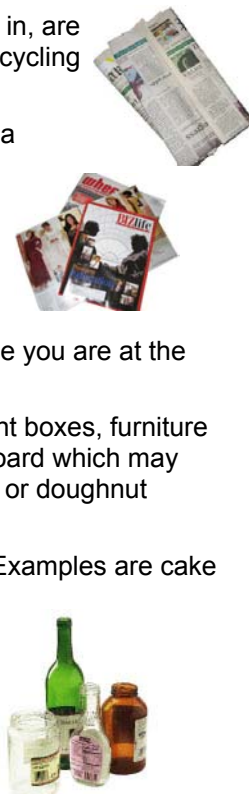
All recyclable items may be placed in the same recycling container. Recyclables should be dry and free of food particles and liquids. It is not necessary to remove labels, but caps and lids should be placed in the trash. If you are not sure if something can be recycled, **call us to ask at 373-CITY (2489)**, or throw it out! Incorrect items in the recycling bin are costly to remove.

1. **Plastic bottles and jugs** with a #1 or a #2 are the only plastics accepted in the Greensboro recycling program. We do not accept round plastic containers like yogurt or margarine tubs, plastic bags, toys, bowls, cups, plastic wrap, etc. The item **must be shaped like a bottle or jug to be accepted in the recycling program.**

Don't feel like looking for the number? **Carbonated beverages, like soda, are always placed in #1 plastic; milk jugs are always #1 or #2 plastic.**



2. **Aluminum cans** are the only form of aluminum accepted in the Greensboro recycling program. Aluminum foil and pie pans are not accepted.
3. **Steel cans** that usually contain vegetables, fruit, fruit juices, and pet foods are accepted. The cans should be dry and free from any food particles. Remove the lid and throw it away. Because recyclables are sorted by hand at the material reclamation facility (MRF), sharp lids are a safety hazard to the employees and should be thrown away.
4. **Aerosol cans**, like those that hairspray, deodorant and household cleaning solutions come in, are recyclable if they **are completely empty**. Remove the spray nozzle before placing in the recycling container.
5. **Newspaper** that is dry and free from food, paint, or dirt residue may be recycled. If there is a substantial amount, it is best to bundle it.
6. **Magazines and catalogs** that are dry are accepted. If there is a substantial amount, it is best to bundle them.
7. **Paper** that is dry and free from food, paint, or dirt residue may be recycled. Shredded paper should be placed in a paper bag before being placed into your recycling can. This helps prevent litter on the streets when the can is emptied. Ask for a paper bag the next time you are at the grocery store.
8. **Cardboard** that is unwaxed and uncoated may be recycled. Examples are laundry detergent boxes, furniture and appliance boxes, and shipping boxes. **Do not recycle your pizza boxes** or any cardboard which may have food particles and/or grease on them. Boxes that have a wax coating, like snack cake or doughnut boxes, are not accepted.
9. **Chipboard** or paperboard with a grayish or brownish color on the inside may be recycled. Examples are cake mix, cereal and cracker boxes, as well as the brownish/gray egg cartons. All chipboard must be clean, dry, and free from any food particles, grease, or dirt. The bag liner often found inside these boxes should be placed in the trash.
10. **Glass food and beverage containers** are accepted from residential customers but not from commercial customers. Items must be dry and free from any food particles or liquid. Vases, bowls, mirrors, and other types of glass are not acceptable.



Prohibited Items

If any prohibited items are found in your recycling can, you may be denied collection service. If you remove the incorrect items, your container will be serviced the following week.

No hazardous materials or electronic waste may be placed in your recycling container. It may be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 2750 Patterson Street in Greensboro. Call **373-CITY(2489)** if you have questions.

Tires are not recyclable in Greensboro's program. The County does operate a tire disposal program. Call them for details at **641-3792**.

State law requires **yard waste** to be disposed of separately from recyclables and household trash.

Styrofoam and packaging peanuts may not be placed in the recycling container. Most mail packaging stores will gladly accept Styrofoam peanuts. To locate a store that accepts peanuts, call the national *Peanut Hotline* at 800-828-2214, sponsored by the Plastic Loose Fill Council.